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PAID-UP CAPITAL \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$15,000,000
Dividend \$15,000,000
Silver \$17,450,000
RESERVE LIABILITIES \$15,000,000

CHIEF MANAGER
HONGKONG—N. J. STABB.
SHANGHAI—A. G. STEPHEN.

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N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, Jan. 8, 1914.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, July 1, 1913.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
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RESERVE FUND £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. S. HEWITT,
Acting Manager,
Hongkong, April 9, 1913.

THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £2,500,000
Subscribed £1,125,000
Paid-up £662,500
Reserve Fund £415,000

BANKERS
BANK OF ENGLAND.
LONDON MONEY MARKET BANK, LIMITED.

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A. R. LINTON,
Manager,
Hongkong, July 1, 1913.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

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AUTHORISED CAPITAL ¥40,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL ¥30,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND ¥12,500,000.00

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Shanghai
Singapore
Tientsin
Yokohama

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

ESBI ONO,
Manager,
Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1913.

BANKS

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RESERVE FUND £8,958,168—(£ 687,680.)

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
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Do. 3 months 3 Do.

A. F. VAN REEF, Agents.
Hongkong, July 16, 1913.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on the usual terms.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED, fixed for one year at 4 1/2 per annum or for shorter periods, at rates which may be ascertained on application.

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MAILS AND TELEGRAPHIC REMITTANCES made.

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COMMERCIAL LETTERS OF CREDIT ISSUED.

PURCHASE AND SALE of Stocks and Shares effected.

TRAVELLERS CHECKS sold and cashed.

GEO. HOGG,
Manager,
No. 2, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, October 21, 1913.

AGENTS

LONDON—F. ALGAR, 11 & 2, General Lane, Lombard Street E.C. 4. B. B. BROWN & Co., Ltd., 183 Queen's Road, Victoria St. CLARKE, SON & PLATT, 85 Gracechurch St., E.C. 4. SMITH & CO., Ltd., 30 Cornhill, London E.C. 4. GORDON & GORDON, 15 St. Bride St., E.C. 4. ROBERTS & WATSON, 114 Fleet Street, E.C. 4. MITCHELL & CO., 59 Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4. D. J. KAYE & CO., 3, Whitefriars St., E.C. 4. MATTHEW & CROFTON, Ltd., 10, 11, 12 New Bridge St., E.C. 4.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

(Continued from page 3).

A CORNISH RECORD.

Dealing the other day with the earnings of a number of cargo-boat companies, a well-known shipping newspaper arrived at the conclusion that the average return to the shareholders over a period of ten years was only 4.78 per cent., and that they would have been far better off had they invested their money in securities paying a safe 4 or 5 per cent. But there must be a lot of money earned in a quiet way in connection with steam shipping which does not come into a computation of this description. There are the single-ship companies, for instance. At the port of Truro, for example, there is a bunch of eighteen such companies controlled by Mr. Richard B. Chellow, a veteran cargo-boat owner, now in his 80th year. A little while back, when Mr. Chellow was presented with a handsome piece of plate in commemoration of his thirty years of successful steamship management, he gave some interesting details.

The steamship *Duke of Cornwall*, built twenty-five years ago, cost, he said, £18,500, and up to date has paid in dividends £54,125, or an average return of the original capital every eight years. The *Pandemonium*, sixteen and a half years old, cost £23,500, and has paid £47,375 in dividends—again an average return of the original capital every eight years. The *Pandemonium*, seven and a half years old, and costing £24,000, has returned in dividends £28,500—a still better result. Such figures may be exceptional, but they at least suggest the possibilities of well-managed tramp shipping. It is Mr. Chellow's boat that he pays for his ships before they leave the builders' yard, that he has no mortgages on them, and that during thirty years' trading he has never had an overdrawn banking account. It is interesting to add that the first steamer built for this owner thirty years ago is still running under the Swedish flag.

ALLAN LINE PLANS.

Needless to say, the Allan Line's new quadruple-screw turbine steamers *Albatross* and *Calceola* will be put on the Liverpool-St. Lawrence route. The *Albatross* is scheduled to leave Liverpool on her maiden voyage on Jan. 17, and the *Calceola* on Feb. 28. These two vessels, along with the *Victorian* and *Virginia*, the first turbine-driven steamers on the North Atlantic, will very soon make

The Cornish will be placed permanently in the Glasgow service, and will take only second-cabin and third-class passengers. The Glasgow-Boston service will be improved by the transference of the *Proctor* from the Montreal route. The *Tunisian* will sail from London instead of from Liverpool, with only one class of cabin passengers, and in conjunction with four other Allan liners will maintain a service between the Thames and the West. These steamers will make periodical calls at Plymouth during the busy season.

DISAPPEARING SAIL.

It is a notable fact that during the past year not a single sailing-ship of any dimensions has been built in this country. Not only, however, do we refuse to replenish our old fleet, but we have disposed of so large a part of it to foreigners that its importance is today painfully reduced. These sales were in many cases made when shipping was at a low ebb, and prices were very cheap. Some of the foreigners who purchased sailing-vessels from us for an old song must have earned enough in the way of profits, when the boom came, to pay for their bargains twice over. But with the slump in freights the sailing-ship threatens again to become a drug in the market. All the talk about the possibility of helping to keep her afloat by the use of auxiliary engines has so far been practically profuse.

Apart from the methetic aspects of the case, there seem to be two sets of people who openly express concern at the disappearance of the sailer. One consists of those British steamship owners who believe that sailing-ship training is desirable for officers. The other embraces certain Bradford wool merchants, who claim that the Australian product reaches them too rapidly in steamships, and say they would be content to pay a higher freight by sailing-ship in order to save warehouse charges at this end. But the usefulness of the sailing-ship as a workshop has not served to prevent her from becoming unfashionable, and the process has, of course, been helped by high insurance charges. As to the subject of training, it would seem that if we build nothing but steamers we must look to the future of the schooner facilities.

"Daily Telegraph."

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HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES

Corrected to Thursday, January 29th, 1914.
At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat	
Seef Sirloin & Prime Cut—Mal Lung Pa	18
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yu	18
" Roast—Shiu	18
" Breast—Nagu Lam	18
" Soup—Tong Yuk	18
" Steak—Ngau Yek Pa	18
" Sirloin Coton—Ngau Lan	20
" Sausages—Ngau Chang	20
Jullock's Brains—Know	10
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	10
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yu	10
" Head—Ngau Tan	10
" Heart—Ngau Sum	10
" Lump—Ngau Kin	10
" Salt	10
" Feet—Ngau Kark	10
" Kidneys—Ngau Yin	10
" Tail—Ngau Mei	10
" Liver—Ngau Kon	10
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	10
Oliver Head & Feet—Ngau-chi-tan-kark	10
Mutton Chop—Young Pei Kwat	10
" Leg—Young Pei	10
" Shoulder—Young Shas	10
Pure Chitling—Chu Chong	10
Brains—Chu Know	10
Feet—Chu Kark	10
Chu Chas	10
Head—Chu Tau	10
Heart—Chu Sum	10
" Kidneys—Chu Yin	10
" Liver—Chu Con	10
Pork Chop—Chu Pei Kwat	10
" Leg—Chu Pei	10
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yan	10
" Chu Trap Pig's Fry	10
Sausage Head & Feet—Young Tau Kark	10
" Heart—Young Sum	10
" Kidneys—Young Yin	10
" Liver—Young Con	10
Sacking Pig's To—lder—Chu n	10
Snob, Boob—Sang Yau Yau	10
" Mutton—Sang Young Yau	10
Veal—Ngau Chai Y	10
Sausages—Ngau Chai Chang	10
Poultry	
Chicken—Rai Chai	30
Capon, Large, mall—Sin Kai	32
Ducks—Ap	20
Doves—Pan Kau	20
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	20
" Duck—Kai Tan	20
" Hainan—Hoi Nam	30
Geese—Ngai Kai	20
Geese, Wild—Shang-ho Yea Ngai	20
Mus Deer—Wong Keng	each \$4.00
Hare, Sh. ghai—Tu Chi	60
Partridge—Che Khoo	65
Pheasant—Shan Kai	each \$1.60
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup	each 38
" Hoilow—Hoi Hov Pak Kup	35
Quail—Um Chun	19
Rice Birds—Wo Ya Chew	dozen
" Snipe—Sa Choy	each 24
Turkeys Cock—Phor Kai Kung	lb 65
" Hen	60
Wild Ducks, Shai—Shang-hoi Sat Ap	\$1.20
Teal—Sui Ap Chai	60
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui An	60
Fish	
Barbel—Ka Yu	10
Uream—Bin Yu	15
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Fin Yu	18
Carp—Li Yu	20
Catfish—Chik Yu	18
Codfish—Mun Yu	15
Cabs—H	28
Crab—Mak Yu	14
" Sa Mang Yu	14
" Wong Mei Lan	11
Dog Fish—Tui Yu	8
Eels, Congee—Hoi Maan	15
" Fresh water—Tam Si Y	15
" Yellow—Wong Sin	24
Frogs—Tien Kai	32
Groper—Sek Pan	12
Judgeon—Fak Kup Yu	18
Herring—Tao Pak	18
Halibut—Chung Kwau Kug	32
Lobster—Wong Fa Yu	18
Loach—Wa Yu	25
Lobsters—Lung Ha	25
Macaroni—Chik Yu	22
Monk Fish—Mung Yu	28
Mullet—Chai Yu	28
Oysters—San Co	22
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	16
Perch—Tau Lo	10
Pike—Fa Paw Pong	8
Plaice—Pan Yu	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	22
Pomfret, White—Fak Chong	28
Prawns—Ming	40
Ray—Pal Pa Sa	40
Roach Fish—Sak K	14
Roach—Chao Yu	10

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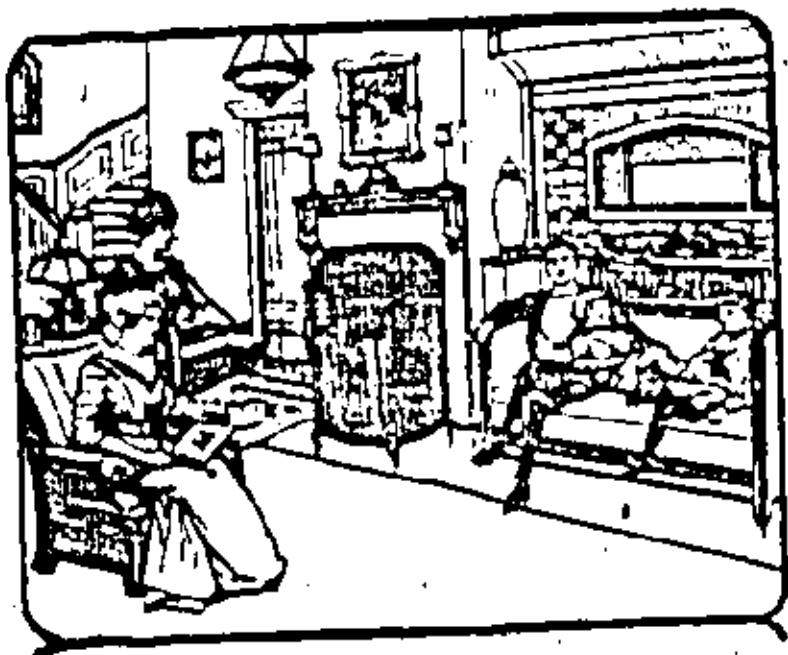
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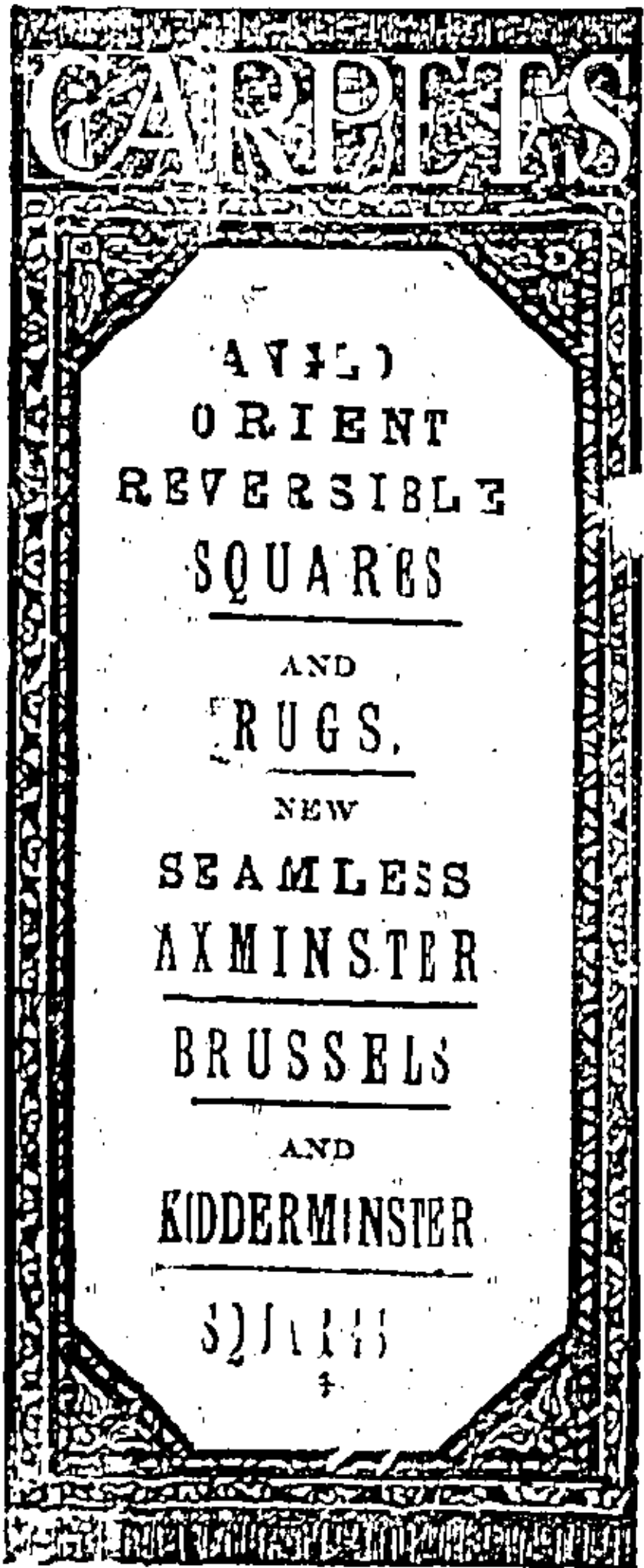


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MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW

Non. - Seate des Pulpes et Papeteries
du Tonkin Meeting.

General Memoranda.

SENDAY, February 1:-
Excursion to Macao.

WEDNESDAY, February 4:-
2:15 p.m. - Meeting of the Licensing
Board.

SATURDAY, February 7:-
Non. - Union Waterboat Co's Meeting
9 a.m. - Booking opens for "The Idol"
Eye.

9:15 p.m. - Philharmonic Society's Con-
cert.

TUESDAY, February 10:-
Non. - H.K. C. & M. Steamboat Co's
Meeting.

5:30 p.m. - Organ Recital: St. John's
Cathedral.

THU. Feb. 12, FRIDAY, Feb. 13, SAT. 14:-
"The Idol's Eye" at Theatre Royal,
City Hall.

STURDAY, February 14:-
Non. - Hongkong and Shanghai Bank
Meeting.

MON. Feb. 15, TUES. 17 & WED. 18:-
Jockey Club Race Meeting at Happy
Valley.

Miss Mabel Allan at the Theatre Royal,
City Hall.

THURSDAY, February 19:-
Ball at Government House.

SATURDAY, February 21:-
Jockey Club Race Meeting - Old Day.

TUESDAY, February 24:-
Entries close for Annual Flower Show.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 1914.

THE EDUCATION OF
SPECIALISTS IN
COMMERCE

In regard to those who intend to specialise in commerce, there is great need for utilising such a course and less difficulty in providing a satisfactory course, as it would be all-embracing. The polytechnic schools already, to a certain degree, compass the field, so far as the average commercial class of workers is concerned. The difficulty, however, is in such cases to awaken a full conception of the value of training in commerce. We have in mind rather the youth who has had a public school education, and perhaps has even gone through the ordinary graduate course at one of the universities, but to whom science does not appeal with sufficient force to encourage him in specialising in one or other of its departments. There are those also whose fathers have achieved such a measure of success on purely commercial lines as to encourage the son to pursue a corresponding course. The practice then is for the son to become an "understudy" of his father, and, by association, to imbibe from day to day wisdom and experience from the negotiations conducted in his presence. But more is needed. Knowledge of human nature is sufficient to enable one to appreciate the fact that where no task is imposed little serious work is done; in other words, optional observation cannot be relied upon to produce that quickening interest and keen application to analysis, without which a full conception of the significance of passing incidents cannot be attained. There are limitations in the scope of the work and the ultimatum of the work too long delayed. The alternative is the creation of a commercial graduate course at our universities, and Professor Ashley, of the Birmingham University, has done useful service in once more pointing

out the importance to the nation of such a development. His latest contribution is to be found in *The International Review of Commerce and Industry*, the first number of which, recently issued, gives promise that it will fill an important and unique place among our monthlies. Principal Ashley confines himself to the training specialists in the practice of commerce, and points to the work being done in the Handelshochschulen in Germany. There men, generally well over the age of nineteen, undertake a complete course, over a couple of years, of commercial training, with immense advantage to the nation - an advantage which the Government have recognised by now augmenting the private effort hitherto made to this end. He also instances the work being done in the American universities, where special facilities are given to students during the last two of the four years' curriculum for the bachelor degree. He points out that in our public schools there are many boys not particularly distinguished in classics or mathematics who get into the "fifth," and subsequently drift into their fathers' works, without having either technical knowledge or the actual desire to acquire it; such, Principal Ashley thinks, might be encouraged to pursue a course in commerce, spending their vacations in direct association with their fathers, as already indicated. He goes further, and contends in favour of opportunities being given to young men of promising character and ability to pursue such a course, and in this he is right, because many such men, if given the opportunity, would become not only permanently loyal to, but valuable acquisitions in, the commercial department of any concern.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Major J. G. L. C. A. C. from Tientsin, has been posted to Dublin for duty.

Major J. A. Stewart, A.O.D., from Hongkong has on arrival home been appointed to Culchester.

Major R. H. Parker, R.G.A., Sheerness has been ordered to Singapore to command No. 8 Coy., R.G.A.

Mr. J. H. Smith, who has been acting as senior Puisne Judge, Penang, until April.

Lieut. C. D. Tod, R.G.A., from the No. 88 Coy., R.G.A. Hongkong has been posted to No. 18 Coy., R.G.A. Sheerness.

Sir M. Fitzmaurice, K.C.M.G., chief engineer to the London County Council since 1901, is at present visiting Singapore.

Brig. General Turville D. Foster, C.B., M.V.O., Inspector of the Army Service Corps, accompanied by Mrs. Foster, arrived in the colony by the P. and O. s.s. China.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A young bloodhound has been purchased in Seattle for police work in Tokyo. This is the first dog s used in Japan.

We understand the official Race Book for the Jockey Club's Meeting (Feb. 15, 17 and 18) will be on sale on Monday next.

The final of the series of three motor boat races for the Corinthian Yacht Club's Harvey Cup takes place on Sunday next.

The booking at Messrs. Moutrie's for the three performances of the "Idol's Eye" on the 12, 13 and 14 proximo is going strong.

Engineer-Commander Hilgrove Hammond, from the cruiser Diamond, has been appointed to the battleship Triumph, China Squadron.

Mr. Leonard William Parker, formerly of the Chinese Customs, died at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday at the age of 52. Mr. Parker, who was on the outdoor staff at Hongkong for many years, was a compelled to retire on account of failing eyesight.

The report of the Medical Officer of Health shows that 14 weeks there were nine outbreaks of bubonic plague, eight of which proved fatal. Seven cases of diphtheria were notified including four Portuguese, one British. There were six outbreaks of enteric fever, one of which proved fatal. One Englishman and one Japanese were affected. Two cases of small-pox both terminated fatally.

Lady May was "At Home" at Government House on Wednesday to the members of the Young Women's Christian Association. About 125 were present. Mrs. Edkins, the honorary secretary, read the correspondence relating to the proposed fund for Women, towards which Mr. Ellis Radcoe has been generous by offering to give sum of \$15,000, or more if necessary. On the strength of these letters it was decided to formally put to the vote of the gathering that the name Y.W.C.A. should be changed to that of "Women's Institute" and later to take the name of the "Helena May Institute for Women."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lieut. A. G. Sparrow has been appointed to H.M.S. Newcastle.

Booking at Messrs. Moutrie's for Miss Maud Allen's performances on 16th, 17th, and 18th proximo, opened this morning.

The ship shipped from Hongkong by R.M.S. Empress of Russia on January 1st reached New York on January 15th.

A Chinese cabin employed at the Hongkong cement works accidentally fell into the silos chamber on Wednesday and was smothered.

Some well-known Shanghai and Hongkong residents arrived from Shanghai by the "Devani" to-day. The list of passengers is on page 110.

The Captain and officers of H.M.S. Hampshire have presented to the Bangkok Sports Club a handsome silver cup and a large picture of the ship.

The Japanese Gunboat Sagami sailed this morning and the French cruiser Montcalm arrived shortly before noon and exchanged salutes with the port.

Mr. Furuta, an engineer living at 189 Wanchai Road, has informed the police of the loss of jewellery worth \$132 which was taken from his house on the 28th instant.

Before Mr. Hazland this morning, on the evidence of Mr. Hogarth of the Opium farm, a Chinese was fined \$90 for being in possession of about five tael of opium drops.

A ricksha man is suffering from serious injuries to his leg through having been knocked down by a tramcar in Les Yeeux Road central this morning. The ricksha was completely smashed.

Five coolies were fined amounts ranging from \$5 to \$2 at the Magistracy yesterday for trespassing on the premises of the Captain Superintendent of Police, Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, at the Peak.

H.M.S. Monmouth, which recently returned to England from Hongkong was paid off at Devonport on New Year's Day and will undergo an extensive refit before joining the Third Fleet.

During last night a thief or thieves visited No. 7 Yan Sing Lane and in the absence of the occupier stole from his room a box valued at \$1, twelve pieces of old clothing valued at \$5 and twenty dollars in silver.

An inmate of No. 8, Lower Rater road has absconded. He is suspected of having been in the middle of the 23rd and 24th streets and 24th street, and of having stolen a Chinese man's watch.

The ways of the Post Office are past comprehension. A newspaper addressed to a number of our staff, "China Mail, Hongkong, China," was delivered this morning, several days late, with the enigmatic official inscription "Not known at Naval Yard."

A chair-coolies and a native cook were brought before Mr. Hazland this morning on a charge of stealing wood from above Mr. Juleys house, in Kennedy-road Wanchai. It was proved that three pine trees were cut down and carried into the Chinese quarters - the cook was discharged, but the coolie was fined \$15 or one month's imprisonment. Mr. Fletcher, of the Forestry Department prosecuted.

MISSING MARGERINE.

Shopkeeper Charged With Receiving.

At the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. J. R. Wood, Wong Kuan Fuk, co-accused to the Hongkong and Kowloon Golden Company, charged Tung Pui with receiving three cases of margarine valued at \$125 in divers dates between December 13 and January 14.

Mr. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, represented defendant.

Mr. Stevenson said he was only instructed at eleven o'clock this morning, and in view of the large number of documents in the case and of the fact he had mentioned he asked for an adjournment. He did not know what the charges were and it was not fair to go on with the hearing.

His Worship observed that it was not fair to defendant to adjourn the case, and suggested that Mr. Stevenson should merely watch it for the prosecution. The police would have conducted the case if Mr. Stevenson was not present.

Mr. Stevenson agreed to this suggestion.

Hans Geller, of the China Import and Export and Banking Company, stated that his firm received a consignment of fifty cases of margarine by the steamship "Yueh," but he was unable to identify the cases in Court as forming part of it as he had not seen the bills of lading. None of this margarine, of which the Golden Company took delivery, had been sold.

Detective-Sergeant Murphy spoke to visiting defendant's premises, 110, Queen's Road Central, on January 20 with a search warrant. He found three 50 large tins of margarine and 230 small tins, produced. Defendant said he was master of the shop. Witness asked if he had any margarine belonging to the China Import, Export and Banking Company and he replied that he had not, but a fold said they had three cases of margarine in the shop, and he produced them. A number of tins were found on a shelf.

Chief evidence having been called the hearing was adjourned.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

The report of the Board of Directors which will be submitted at the ordinary annual meeting of shareholders, to be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, 10th February, at 12 o'clock noon, states:-

The directors beg to submit to the shareholders the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December last.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs, an interim dividend of \$80,000 and all other charges there remains, including \$22,845.88 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$107,827.75 at credit of profit and loss account. From this amount the directors recommend that a final dividend for the year of one dollar per share or \$80,000 be paid to shareholders, \$60,000 be written off the book value of steamers and wharves, \$30,000 be transferred to credit of special repairs fund, leaving a balance of \$17,827.75 to be carried forward to new account.

There is nothing of special interest to report in connection with the work of the steamers. The usual overhauls and repairs have been effected during the year and the steamers are all in good running order.

The new steamer "Taishan" was formally accepted on the 1st December, since when she has been successfully employed on the Hongkong-Macao Line.

A new steel and concrete wharf has been erected at Canton in place of the wooden wharf destroyed by fire in November 1912.

Messrs. D. Fuhrmann, C. H. Ross, F. H. Armstrong and E. Lieb resigned their seats on the Board on leaving the Colony and the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Messrs. M. Steger, P. H. Holyoak and E. Goetz were nominated by the Directors to fill the vacancies, subject to the confirmation of the shareholders at this meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. G. Friedland and P. H. Holyoak retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

During the absence of Mr. W. H. Bates, the accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Matland.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and W. Hutton Pettit, offer themselves for re-election.

The balance sheet is as follows:-

LIABILITIES.

Amount of Capital, \$60,000
Shares of \$15 each fully paid up \$1,200,000.00

Amount at Credit of Depreciation and Insurance Fund 600,000.00

Amount at Credit of Special Repairs Fund 250,000.00

Amount at Credit of Investment Fluctuation Account 131,874.70

Amount at Credit of Special Repairs Fund 5,444.71

Undivided Dividends 5,057.75

Sundry Creditors 40,809.94

Banking Corporation, Loan Account 190,000.00

Accounts Payable 94,005.12

Amount at Credit of Profit and Loss Account 107,827.75

\$2,716,619.97

ASSETS.

Value of Steamers "Hongnam," "Hengshan," "Taishan," "Sui An," "Sui Tai," and "Hoi Sang," plus of "Kin-shan," and 1st of "Sai-nam," "Nanning," "Lin-tan," and "Sani" \$1,412,000.00

Value of Lighters "Sun-lee" and "Woke" 3,000.00

Value of Wharves, Hulk and Moorings 158,775.02

Value of Properties at Canton, Wuchow and Keng-tsun 107,445.06

Value of Spare Gear and Stores 19,540.42

Value of Furniture 1,000.00

Value of Shares in Public Companies 720,872.50

Loans on Mortgage 107,000.00

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Current Account 23,074.75

Interest Accrued to date 215.45

Sundry Debtors 22,835.99

Accounts Receivable 48,024.74

Marine and Fire Insurance Premia paid account 1914 14,086.00

\$2,716,619.97

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Amount paid for repairs to steamers and wharves \$51,713.33

To Directors and Auditors Fees 7,000.00

To Interim Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 60,000 shares paid on 31st Aug. 1913 60,000.00

Balance to be appropriated viz:-

To Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share on 60,000 shares \$60,000.00

To be written off book value of Steamers and Wharves 60,000.00

To be carried to Special Repairs Fund 30,000.00

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Early this morning a man was seen at Des Voeux Road, West, attempting to prize open the door of No. 322 with a jemmy.

A Chinese constable apprehended him and in his cap found a pair of pinchers and in his pocket a butcher's knife.

He was charged this morning by Inspector Diamond, before Mr. Wood, with being in possession of "offensive and dangerous weapons" and with attempting to break into the house.

Mr. Wood adjourned the case until tomorrow in order that the man might find a friend to vouch for accused's good character.

To be carried forward to New Account 27,827.75

By Amount brought forward from last Account \$22,845.88

By Net Earnings of Steamers 253,301.11

By Income from Investments 61,707.06

By Transfer Fees 188.00

\$340,042.05

DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND.

To Balance \$600,000.00

By Amount at Credit \$600,000.00

\$600,000.00

EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND.

To Balance \$250,000.00

By Amount at Credit \$250,000.00

\$250,000.00

SPECIAL REPAIRS FUND.

To Sundry Disbursements \$12,635.21

To Balance 6,444.71

\$19,079.95

By Amount at Credit \$19,079.95

By Amount brought forward from Profit and Loss Account for Half-year ending 31st Dec. 1912 5,000.00

\$19,079.95

W. E. CLARKE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1914.

DAVID LANDALE, Directors.
We report that we have audited the accounts since with the books and vouchers of the company in Hongkong and with the returns from the company's agencies. We have also verified the securities representing the investments and in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the company's affairs at the 31st December, 1913, according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the company.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, Auditor.
F. MATLAND.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon. The following were present: Mr. D. W. Trautman (President) the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, C.M.G., Dr. F. Clark, (M.O.H.) Dr. Pearson, (Assistant M.O.H.) Dr. Fitzwilliams, Mr. Ng Hon Tze, Mr. Chan Kai Ming, and Mr. W. Bowen-Rowlands (Secretary).

The usual returns were read and passed. There was no business of public interest.

JAPANESE RELIEF FUND.

The Committee acknowledge the following contributions with thanks:

Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co. \$100.00
Mr. Ellis Kadouris 25.00
Anonymous 50.00

Total to 29th inst. \$375.00

TRADE MARK PROSECUTION.

The action against the Kwong Yuen Co. for being in possession of singletons bearing a trade mark so nearly resembling the registered trade mark of Messrs. Loxley and Co. was withdrawn by that firm this morning.

Mr. Donnelly, of Messrs. Donnelly and Jewell, prosecuted and asked that the summons be withdrawn as the defendant had paid the cost of the prosecution and had undertaken not to repeat the offence in the future. They had also given the prosecution every information as to the source from which they obtained the singletons.

It is stated that Mr. Justice Macomb Smith will probably continue to act as Senior Puisne Judge, Penang, until April.

A woman named Cheng Chang (31) expired suddenly in a ricksha while being conveyed to the Canton wharf. She was on her way to Canton. Death attributed to natural causes.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration mine for the week ending January 10 amounted to 64,307.05 tons and the sales during the period, to 61,871.81 tons.

SPORTING.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES.

UNITED NATIONS LEAGUE.

R. G. A. v. Royal Engineers, 1st Division. Military ground 4 p.m. Referee, Col. Sgt. Blake, D.C.I. (Leamington).

R. G. A. v. Moore's Langford, McCubbin's Westbrook, Mullin, Buckland, Draper, Dallman, (Lane, Swan, Finchard).

Royal Engineers v. Rogers, Coxon, Morrice, Ferring, Smith, Robinson, Lewis, Tucker, Horton, Kelly, Sturtevant.

As the apparatus have already beaten the gunners twice it is time the Artillerymen began to make up some of the leeway, and with this object in view a couple of changes have been made. A fine game should ensue.

Staff and Department v

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BOOM IN GILT-EDGED SECURITIES.

LONDON, Jan. 30.
Following the recent buoyancy on the Stock Exchange, the lowering of the bank rate to-day has created a boom in gilt edge securities.
Since January 1, Consols have advanced 4 1/2 per cent. Irish Land Stock 9 per cent, Indian stocks 6 per cent, to 8 per cent, and leading Home Rails from 3 per cent, to 9 per cent.

JAPANESE ARMS FOR MEXICO.

United States Press Indignant.

LONDON, Jan. 30.
The American papers declare that General Huerta is procuring arms from Japan.
There is reason to believe that they are discarded weapons sold by the Japanese Government, and that the matter was discussed at President Wilson's conference with the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee on January 22.
The Press is filled with angry comments regarding Japanese support in Mexico.
Compliance with British wishes regarding the Panama Canal is urged, and also the conclusion of an arbitration treaty. Otherwise, it is stated America will risk being confronted with hostilities alike from Great Britain and Japan.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN LABOUR TROUBLES.

Dramatic Treatment of Labour Leaders.

LONDON, Jan. 29.
The deported labour leaders were removed to goal on Monday, says a telegram from Johannesburg. At night they were taken in a prison van some miles into the country and put into a train containing troops.
The labour leaders had no idea where they were going, as the windows and shutters were kept closed. They were astounded when they reached Durban.
Even the railway officials were ignorant of what was being done, for the train was designated as a special for conveying a theatrical company.
When the liner *Unigeni* had crossed the bar and anchored, and the Labour leaders taken aboard, they were given twelve hours in which to write to their friends.
The *Unigeni* is not fitted with a wireless installation, and the Government chartered all the passenger accommodation.

THE SUPPLY OF ARMAMENTS TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 29.
A rumour that Messrs. Krupps have bought the Putloff Armament Works at St. Petersburg has created consternation in Paris, says Reuter's Paris correspondent.
The Premier telegraphed to the Ambassador asking to be enlightened on the subject.
A telegram from St. Petersburg states that the report that Krupps have bought the Putloff Armament Works is semi-officially denied. It is stated that the Council of Ministers, desiring to form a Russian private armaments company, selected a firm connected with Messrs. Vickers Sons & Maxim, and the construction of new works at Tzaritsin has begun.

TRANS-ATLANTIC SHIPPING WAR.

LONDON, Jan. 29.
A telegram from Berlin states that the rate-war amongst the Trans-Atlantic Shipping Lines has commenced.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well out with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no need so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by the remarkable cures has earned a world wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is for sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BANK RATES FURTHER REDUCED.

LONDON, Jan. 30.
The Bank of England rate of discount has been further reduced to 3 per cent.
The Bank of France announces that the discount rate has been reduced to 3 1/2 per cent.

THREE SUCCESSIVE CABINET MEETINGS.

LONDON, Jan. 30.
A full Cabinet meeting is being held to-day. This is the third meeting of the cabinet during the past three days.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Jan. 30.
The death is announced of Lord Knutsford.

CHARGES AGAINST SHIP'S OFFICER.

Disobedience Alleged.

CHARGES of disobedience of lawful commands of the captain and of wilful damage to ship's stores were yesterday brought against Mr. D. Phillips, second officer of the R. and S. ship *St. Andrew*, at the Marine Magistrate's Court before Commander Ross Taylor, R.N., Harbour Master. The charges were presented by Mr. Spink, captain of the ship, and the defendant, who was represented by Mr. Reader Harris (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), entered pleas of not guilty to both charges.
The gist of the evidence published in yesterday's "China Mail" is as follows:
The master thought as the prosecutor he had the privilege of preparing notes and cross-examining the defendant.
Mr. Harris: You are entitled to have as many notes as you like, but a witness must give his evidence unassisted by any notes except those that were made at the time.
Witness said as he wanted the case finished, he would proceed without the aid of his notes. On the following day, December 25th, when the boat was at sea between Shanghai and the Taku Dock, the second officer interfered with the stowage of the cargo on the port side and threatened him with his fist.
Commander Taylor: Did you see this yourself?
Witness: No, sir.
Between the 19th and 25th December, continued witness at Canton it was reported to him that defendant had broken the gate in the starboard alleyway. Witness spoke to him and gave him strict instructions not to break the gate in future. Defendant said he would break it down immediately it was put up, and repeated the same thing in the presence of others. He said he had written to a Marine Superintendent but afterwards said he had mislaid the letter.
Mr. Innes, Marine Superintendent of the firm of Butterfield and Swire, said it was reported to him by the chief officer and the captain on two occasions about the conduct of the defendant. Witness received a letter from the chief officer and went down and interviewed Mr. Phillips. He told him he was damaging the ship's property which he had no right to do. It was customary to have a gate in the starboard alley to prevent the traffic of coals and others. Defendant said to witness before the chief officer that he would do it again. On the following day, witness received a letter from the defendant which he said was defiant and illustrated the character of the man. Witness told him he would have him punished for damaging the ship's property.
William Cameron Sinclair, chief engineer of the *Kwamee*, testified that he heard the gate broken down to get into the alleyway. At Canton, the gate was again broken down but witness did not see it. After the ship left Hongkong the gate was again put up and defendant was informed that he must open and shut the gate.
According to the Master, Sinclair said he had heard the captain on several occasions warn the second officer against breaking down the gate. He also heard the defendant say he would not open the gate or shut it, he would walk through.
Captain Spink: Have you ever heard the defendant admit that he did break the gate?
Witness: Yes, on the second occasion. Augustus Charles Tibbory, second engineer, said directly after they left Shanghai he had a chat with the second officer to dump ashes on the lee or starboard side. Witness had already given an order to that effect. It was the custom on that ship to dump ashes on the port side, but on that occasion and after consultation with the chief engineer the ashes were dumped on the starboard side. He obeyed the chief to avoid unpleasantness with the second officer.
Commander Taylor: Did the chief say the ashes were to be dumped on the lee side or the starboard side?
Witness said he could not remember. Later on, the chief engineer told him that it had been the practice to dump ashes on the port side and he was to take no notice of the chief. Witness added he gave instructions to the foreman. He once saw the gate very roughly handled by the second officer and on that occasion the scowps were loosened.
The case was adjourned sine die.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

IMPORTANT MILITARY CHANGE.

ABOLITION OF MOUNTED INFANTRY.

LONDON, Jan. 30.
The "Morning Post" states that Colonel Seely, the Secretary for war, has decided to abolish the mounted infantry and replace them by cavalry, whose numbers may be increased.

THE CHUNG SAU NAM CASE.

Argument in connection with the *habeas corpus* proceedings in the *Chung Sau Nam* case was continued before their Lordships the Chief Justice (Sir William Reeves Davies) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) in the Full Court this morning.

Sir Francis Pigott and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind (from Mr. Brutton's office) appeared on the writ of *habeas corpus*, and the Crown was represented by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, who were instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson (Assistant Crown Solicitor) and Mr. R. F. C. Master (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master).

On a question raised at the previous day's hearing with regard to marital law in Kwangtung, the Chief Justice said he could discover no authority which would justify the Court in holding the existence or non-existence of marital law.
The Puisne Judge concurred, and stated that he thought the matter was entirely one for the Crown to consider.
Sir Francis Pigott said he wished the question of jurisdiction argued in order, if possible, to relieve the Counsel General from coming down to Hongkong. On reconsidering the matter, the position seemed to him to be this: supposing they should have to go to the Privy Council, then they should have to take this point, and it might be that the Privy Council would not be in agreement with their Lordships. In normal cases the Privy Council remitted the matter to the Court below to take evidence. In this case the evidence was on the file in the form of the affidavit of the Counsel General, and the Privy Council would say, "Here is evidence on the file which relieves us of the necessity of sending the case back to the Court below. That evidence is the affidavit of the Counsel General with all cross-examination, and Counsel did not say how they could admit cross-examining the Counsel General."
The Chief Justice—So far as we are concerned, the affidavit, as far as it relates to the existence of marital law, is a dead letter.
Sir Francis Pigott—But it won't be a dead letter when it goes to the Privy Council.
The Puisne Judge—Cannot it be taken off the file?
Sir Francis Pigott said that was a matter for his learned friend (Mr. Sharp), but as the matter stood he did not know how a cross-examination could be avoided. If the Privy Council were against their Lordships, and there was no evidence on the file, they would refer the matter to the Court below for evidence.
The Puisne Judge—Is not this a matter they would refer to the Foreign Office?
Sir Francis Pigott did not think it was.
The Chief Justice—According to your own agreement this is an entirely novel proposition.
Sir Francis Pigott admitted that it was, but stated that novel propositions must be taken sometimes.
The Chief Justice asked Mr. Sharp if he was prepared to consider the question of taking the affidavit off the file?
Mr. Sharp said he was prepared to leave the question of cross-examination in their Lordships' hands, but he had not been able to find a single case in which deponents had been cross-examined. However, as Sir Francis urged that the matter was important they could not take it off the file.
Sir Francis Pigott said the question for the Court was whether marital law existed now, not for the Privy Council whether it would exist a year hence, but whether it existed at the moment. It would be impossible to put affidavits in London a year hence, but on this question the Counsel would be the person to throw a great deal of light on the subject.
In reply to a question by Mr. Sharp as to whether the Court desired the attendance of the Counsel General the Chief Justice stated that their Lordships acquiesced in the application made by the representative of the fugitive under the circumstances.
Mr. Sharp then proceeded to address the Court, and the hearing was again adjourned.

FAMOUS PRINTS OR INDECENT PICTURES?

Expert Evidence to Decide.

The manager of the Sincora Company Chan Harr, an Australian Chinese, was charged at the Magistrate's trial this morning before Mr. Wood with exhibiting indecent pictures, and on the application of Mr. Otto King Sing, for the defence, an adjournment was granted until Friday.
Mr. Otto King Sing said he would have to call one or two expert witnesses as to what really constituted an indecent picture. He had seen the pictures and was clearly of the opinion that they were not indecent but prints of famous pictures. He added that the charge was not an offence under the particular statute on which the summons had been issued.

CURE THAT COUGH.

WHEN you have a troublesome cough it does not mean that you are going to have it, but it does mean that you are going to be threatened, and it is just as well to be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CLAIM FOR GAS SUPPLIED.

Before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz (Puisne Judge) in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this morning, a case was mentioned in which the Hongkong and China Gas Company sued Tail Ip and Company to recover \$17.85 due for gas supplied.

Mr. Gardiner informed his Lordship that Mr. P. S. Dixon (who represented the plaintiff) appeared on a previous occasion for the defendant firm and obtained a fortnight's adjournment.

Mr. Dixon—That was in another case. Mr. Gardiner He gets a fortnight's adjournment in the case and he asks for his own clients in this case. I don't think that is quite fair, as he gets priority over the other cases.

Mr. Dixon understood the defendant firm was going bankrupt, and since the last adjournment the Gas Company had requested him to issue a writ.

Mr. Gardiner—My friend gets priority for his own client to the detriment of mine. Mr. Dixon explained that there was no advantage in the judgment, as he would not get anything out of it.

Mr. Gardiner—I think we ought to come in *pari passu*. I don't see why Mr. Dixon's clients should have priority to litigants who came before them.

His Lordship (to Mr. Dixon)—You say they are going to file a petition?

Mr. Dixon understood so, and he thought Mr. Gardiner had no locus standi in the present case.

Mr. Gardiner said if judgment was entered he would ask for a stay of execution until next Friday, if no petition was filed his friend could go and issue execution.

Mr. Dixon said there was nothing to issue execution against.

His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff.

A DICKENS TRIAL.

"Mystery of Edwin Drod"

JASPER IN THE DOCK.

Was Edwin Drod murdered? That problem of the story which Dickens left half told has for forty years engaged the ingenuity of all sorts and conditions of men. Scholars, divines, and scientists have tried their hands at solving it to produce all sorts of wonderful theories as to what happened and how it happened. We allow a murder mystery. Whatever else you may think of the book, there is no lack of the mysterious in the tale of Edwin Drod.
To publish all the secrets, there was a wonderful attempt, "The Mystery of Edwin Drod," a "Daily Telegraph" of Jan. 8. The Dickens Fellowship put John Jasper on his trial for the murder. The judge was Mr. G. R. Chesterton and the foreman of the jury Mr. Bernard Shaw. King's Hall was the court of the trial. Witnesses and officers of the court put themselves into the picturesque habit of the Victorian era. The scene was set in the dock, and the judge, Mr. Bernard Shaw, presided over a constellation of literary stars which included Mr. William de Morgan, Mr. W. W. Jacobs, Mr. Peter T. F. Morgan, and Mr. William Archer—these were content with more modern decorations. Learned counsel delivered their views with appropriate simplicity in wig and gown. Mr. J. C. Curran, who acted for the prosecution, and Mr. Cecil Chesterton for the defence.

THE PROBLEM.
Now what are the vexed questions in the case of Edwin Drod? You remember how Dickens left the book. Jasper, the Precursor, the opium smoker, has plainly been laying plans for the murder of his neighbor, Edwin Drod. Drod has vanished. All the town of Cloisterham believes that he has been murdered. A mysterious old gentleman called Datchery, who is obviously to be a detective, has just arrived in Cloisterham. There Dickens' pen was stayed by his death. He has given us no definite evidence that Drod was murdered at all. Half the book remained to be written, and it is conceivable—there are even some reasons for believing—that Drod was finally to appear alive upon the scene. The wicked uncle, says this theory, intended the murder, but never brought it off. It will be remembered that in the brilliant play which Mr. Compton Carr made of the story for Sir Herbert Tree he adopted this conclusion. Jasper, in an opiated dream, believed that he was killing Drod, and Drod heard his ejaculations and fled. Some such theory must be avowed by those who wish to bring in John Jasper not guilty of anything worse than intent kill. No one even hopes to clear him of that.

But whether Jasper did or did not shed blood is not the only riddle. We want to know how the unwritten half of the book is to be worked out. Some horrid end or other is obviously hanging over Jasper. What is it to be, and who will bring it down upon him? That last question, who is destined to be the avenger, comes itself practically into who is Datchery, the queer, palpably disguised Datchery? All this tangle of enigmas, then, was to be straightened out in the trial held last night before the judicial majesty of Mr. Gilbert Chesterton.

RULES OF THE GAME.

It was inevitable that there should be rather elaborate rules of the game. For example, if Mr. Cecil Chesterton (for the defence) had chosen to put an Edwin Drod into the box to swear that he was very much alive, the prosecution would have been at a loss. Therefore, it was ordered that the defence having agreed not to call Edwin Drod, the prosecution agree not to comment on his absence.

Five witnesses were called, and none of them was allowed to make any statement contradicting the text of the novel. Datchery and Mr. Crippeley, and the Opium Woman made picturesque appearances, and they were comically played by Mr. Bransby William, Mr. Arthur Waugh, and Mr. J. K. Prothero, but what they had to say was merely formal. They stated the facts of the case, which may be found in the book, but they offered no suggestion about the mystery. The trial then came to the murder of Datchery were stated by Helena Landless, played by Mrs. Laurence, and Bazzard, played by Mr. Sheridan Jones. It cannot be said that in point of fact the trial reached the highest standard of British jurisprudence. There were some good things said. After counsel's opening speech, Mr. Shaw remarked, "If the learned

COMMERCIAL.

COTTON REPORT.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, Canton and Yard Brokers, in their report dated Jan. 30, state:—After the activity, and excitement of the previous fortnight, our market, as was only natural, settled down to a normal state, the dealers, in the meantime, being busily engaged in disposing of their large purchases, which they succeeded in doing before the buyers began their exodus to the country for the New Year holidays.

The total sales of 7,000 bales offered, mostly consist of complementary sales for new year, while prices in a few instances show a slight advance.
The closing tone of the market is healthy. Total sales 7,000 bales.
Unsold stocks 23,000 bales.
Sold but un-delivered in the godown and to arrive 31,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail from "Dacca" and "China" from Bombay, and "Sri Lanka" and "Toria" from Calcutta have brought in 6,300 bales for Hongkong and 6,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai, and coast ports, etc., 500 bales.

Local Mill.—About 500 bales at above quotation.
Shanghai.—Steady with good deliveries. Japanese Yarn.—Sales of about 400 bales Setai No. 20 @ \$15.34, and 800 bales Yellow Chose No. 20 @ \$14.91.

Raw Cotton.—Bengal No. 5 Sales. Chinese 250 (small) bales @ \$31 to \$32 per picul. Quotations Bengal @ \$20 to \$23, Chinese @ \$30 to \$32 per picul.

gentleman thinks the convictions of British jurymen are to be altered by evidence he little knows his countrymen. A little later Mr. Shaw asked if it was true that the prisoner was a musician, and being answered in the affirmative said solemnly, "This case looks black indeed." The counsel for the prosecution cross-examined Bazzard, the clerk of Mr. Groggins, who, as you remember, had written a tragedy, put to the witness, "There are such things as good and bad dramas." To which Bazzard replied with a most engaging pessimism. "There are certainly bad dramas." This same pleasant witness—and we were very grateful for Mr. Sheridan Jones's humour—when asked why he was not a famous dramatist suggested as a reason that he had "had very little time to push his merits," a point which lost nothing by the presence of the distinguished dramatist presiding over the jury and his younger brother of the craft on the bench. But in the main, it must be confessed, the trial went dully.

HELENA'S STORY.

As Mr. Chesterton remarked in his summing-up, three of the witnesses, Durdles, Crippeley, and the Opium Woman, were present merely as entertainers, and we need concern ourselves only with the other two, Helena Landless and Bazzard, the clerk of Mr. Groggins. Bazzard, of course, is everybody's figure in the part of the book which we possess, but with Mr. Sheridan Jones to act him he told an effective story last night. Helena, however, came first, and as Helena represents the more familiar, the more weightily supported theory, she should have pride of place. We may recall Bazzard's original statement, who knew Dickens' own children—John Forster, and Sir Luke Fildes, his illustrator for "Edwin Drod," had put on record the conviction that he meant Drod to be murdered. He said so, and though he may have changed his plan in writing, he never told anybody, even Forster, to whom he told everything.

To raise this probable theory, then, Helena Landless came forward last night. She also came to say that she was the mysterious Datchery—a much less probable thing. The present writer, who inclines to believe that also, is bound to put on record that neither story sounded convincing from the witness-box. The chief reason is no doubt, that there was an attempt to supply further evidence than we have in the existing fragment of the book. This Helena Landless told us that, having disguised herself as Datchery, who had found in a heap of quicklime in the cathedral crypt the thing which Drod was known to have died in his possession. The time, you are to suppose, and destroyed every other fragment of Drod's possessions. Mr. Cecil Chesterton, as counsel for the defence, very naturally pointed out the difficulty of believing that there was no other piece of metal about the corpse, and justly insisted that there were a hundred conceivable innocent ways in which the ring might have found its way to the crypt. But, of course, we are not bound to assume that Dickens would have left his plot to turn on such a flimsy pivot.

Bazzard in the box sounded much more credible. He was, he told us, a professional "nearer." Mr. Groggins sent him to find evidence against Jasper, not for murder, but for attempted murder, and he had the best reason to know that Drod was not dead, Groggins and he had found the man in a drugged swoon. When Drod came to, he (Bazzard) was so frightened that he ran away.

THE VERDICT.

Mr. Gilbert Chesterton, when he began to sum up, pointed out to the jury the obvious fact that Helena or Bazzard was lying, and suggested as a solution that they both were.
Then to Mr. Bernard Shaw to declare his verdict. The jury, he explained, had arranged it in the unspoken interval. Some of the extreme men, seeing that there was no evidence of murder had been for acquitting the prisoner. The father and mother had insisted that no man could keep quiet in his cell if Jasper were let go, and had determined that the verdict should be man-laugher. On which triumphantly unreasonably conclusion was sought with relief, after some five hours of trial, the foreman said.

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